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Assistant Commissioner for Patents **BOX: Patent Application** Washington, DC 20231

Re: New U.S. Patent Application

(Claiming Priority to Provisional Appl. Nos. 60/228,763 and 60/246,067)
Appl. No. to be assigned

Filed:

herewith

Title:

Oxidized Forms of Retinoic Acid

as Ligands for Peroxisome Proliferator

Activated Receptor Gamma

Inventor(s):

Plutzky, et al.

Atty. Dkt.:

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Sir:

The following documents are being forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. U.S. Patent Application entitled:

OXIDIZED FORMS OF RETINOIC ACID AS LIGANDS FOR PEROXISOME PROLIFERATOR ACTIVATED RECEPTOR GAMMA

and naming as inventor(s): Jorg

Jorge Plutzky

Ouliana Ziouzenkova

the application comprising:

6 pages of Specification (numbered as pages 1-6);

3 pages of Claims (numbered as pages 7-9); and

a one-page Abstract (numbered as page 10);

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- 2. Declaration (37 C.F.R. § 1.63) and Power of Attorney of inventors Jorge Plutzky and Ouliana Ziouzenkova, unexecuted (3 pages);
- 3. Assignment to The Brigham and Women's Hospital, Inc. of inventors Jorge Plutzky and Ouliana Ziouzenkova, unexecuted (2 pages); and
- 4. Two (2) return postcards.

This application claims priority to provisional application nos. 60/228,763, filed August 30, 2000, and 60/246,067, filed November 7, 2000. The application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 without Declaration and without filing fee.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postpaid postcards be stamped with the serial number of the above-named application and that these postcards be returned as soon as possible.

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